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Title: **FILTERING FACE MASK THAT HAS A NEW EXHALATION VALVE**

- ☒ Enclosed is an amendment in the above-identified application.
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Claims As Amended							
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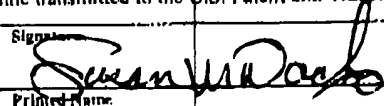
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Dear Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Communication mailed October 23, 2002. Please amend this application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 73-85 to this application:

73. The filtering face mask of claim 37, further comprising a valve cover, the valve cover having an opening that allows exhaled air to pass therethrough and also having a surface that holds the flexible flap against the flap-retaining surface on the valve seat.

74. The filtering face mask of claim 73, wherein the flexible flap is mounted to the valve seat by mechanical clamping.

75. The filtering face mask of claim 74, wherein the flap-retaining surface is disposed on the valve seat on one side of the seal surface.

76. The filtering face mask of claim 37, wherein the flap-retaining surface includes two securement points both disposed outside a region encompassed by the orifice.

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